

One of the men who caused Gen. Pershing to become a soldier. He is G. A. Smith, a member of the examining board which passed upon John J. Pershing's eligibility for West Point thirty-seven years ago.



Gen. Pershing, in his home town of Laclede, Mo., receives honors from his state. Gov. F. D. Gardner of Missouri is reading the presentation statement for gold medals.

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Mrs. John A. Drake returns from war work in Italy with many honors. She received decorations from the Italian Red Cross, mayor of Rome and D'Annunzio for her aid with the American free milk and relief committee.

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Gen. Pershing's home in Laclede, with crowd awaiting his appearance. The general was enjoying an old-fashioned Missouri turkey dinner inside, while the home folks waited to shake his hand.



.When Gen. Pershing's train pulled into Laclede every resident in the hamlet was on hand to greet the general. @Underwood & Underwood.



Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, Mrs. Palmer and daughter, Mary Dixon, with their Christmas tree.



The first accident of the first skating of the season on the tidal basin. However, the mishap was not a serious one, and a big policeman was on hand with first-aid treatment. Photograph made last Sunday.



Wellington and Patricia Koo, children of the Chinese minister, enjoyed a real American Christmas. Both tots are firm believers in the loyalty and generous spirit of Santa Claus.

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